

CURRENT HABITAT ISSUES

Situation: The Habitat Committee (HC) will meet Monday and Tuesday, March 8-9, 2004, to develop recommendations on the following agenda items:

- G.3 Artificial Reefs in Southern California
- H.1 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Review of Marine Reserves Issues
- H.2 Update on Other Marine Protected Area Activities

In addition, the HC will discuss the development of a briefing paper on salmon net pen aquaculture, as requested by the Council at the September 2003 meeting; Klamath/Trinity River issues; a letter to NMFS on the rewrite of the 2000 Federal Columbia River Power System Biological Opinion (Exhibit G.1, Attachment 1), and the function and purpose of the HC.

The HC's complete agenda is provided in Ancillary F.

Council Action:

- 1. Consider comments and recommendations developed by the HC at the March meeting.**

Reference Materials:

1. Exhibit G.1, Attachment 1: Letter from Chairman Don Hansen to Mr. Robert Lohn, NMFS on the 2000 Federal Columbia River Power System Biological Opinion

Agenda Order:

- a. Report of the HC
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Consider HC Recommendations

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